

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-97. (Cancelled)

98. (Previously Presented) An acid composition for detoxification/deactivation of chemical or biological agents consisting essentially of:

0.11 to 26 weight percent of a GRAS acid, the first GRAS acid being an inorganic acid that dissociates nearly to completion in water;

0.16 to 40 weight percent of a second GRAS acid, the second GRAS acid being an inorganic acid less strong than the first GRAS acid and having a dissociation constant of less than about 10^{-1} ;

0.5 to 20 weight percent of a third GRAS acid, the third GRAS acid being a hydroxy acid having a chelating capability of at least twice the first and second GRAS acids; and a permanganate.

99. (Previously Presented) The acid composition of claim 98 further comprising metal ions selected from the group consisting of zinc, calcium, copper, iron, manganese, cobalt.

100. (Previously Presented) The acid composition of claim 98 further comprising a butanol.

101. (Previously Presented) The acid composition of claim 98 further comprising hydrogen peroxide.

102. (Previously Presented) The acid composition of claim 98 further comprising a hydroxylamine.

103. (Previously Presented) The acid composition of claim 98 further comprising an oxime.